In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 1998, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, line 10, delete the underline and insert "08/636,707"

Page 1, line 13, delete "(Atty. Docket No. P1091)"

Page 1, line 14, after ""application.")" insert --(now U. S. Patent No. 5,815,709)--.

In the Claims

Amend the claims as follows:

1 (Amended). For use in connection with a remote method invocation system, a stub retrieval and loading subsystem for controlling the retrieval and loading of a stub for a remote method into an execution environment to facilitate invocation of the remote method by a program executing in said execution environment, the stub retrieval subsystem comprising:

A.   a stub retriever [for initiating] configured to initiate a retrieval of said stub from a server associated with processing of said remote method; and

B.   a stub loader [for] configured to, when said stub is received by said stub retriever, loading said stub into said execution environment, thereby to make the stub available for use in remote invocation of said remote method.

2 (Amended). A stub retrieval and loading subsystem as defined in claim 1 further including a remote method reference detector [for detecting] configured to detect whether a remote method reference has been received in said execution environment, the stub retriever [initiating] being

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